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Aid for poor students

KANGAR, Tues. - Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim today presented RM1.4 million in financial aid to 11,819 poor students under a programme announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Budget 2003 last year.

State Education Department director Dariah Saad received the cheque on their behalf.

The programme is to help them buy school uniforms, shoes and writing material.

Shahidan reminded parents to use the money as intended.

"We do not want any child to be denied the right to education by poverty," he said.

He said it was parents' duty to ensure their children went to school.